

2. Insertion of section 135-A in Act XVII of 1967.–

In the Punjab Land Revenue Act 1967 (XVII of 1967), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, after section 135, the following section 135-A shall be inserted:-

“135-A. Partition in case of inheritance.– (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 135, immediately after the inheritance mutation has been sanctioned and without any application, the Revenue Officer shall serve notice on all joint land-owners of the holding to submit, within thirty days, a scheme of private partition agreed to by all the joint land-owners.

(2) If the scheme of private partition under subsection (1) is submitted, the Revenue Officer shall affirm the scheme in accordance with the provisions of section 147.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, a scheme for private partition between all the joint land-owners may include site of a town or village.

(4) If the scheme under subsection (1) is not filed within the stipulated time, the Revenue Officer shall immediately commence proceedings for the partition of the joint holding.”

8. Insertion of section 142-A in Act XVII of 1967.–

In the said Act, after section 142, the following section 142-A shall be inserted:-

“142-A. Time limit for decision of partition cases.– (1) The Revenue Officer shall decide the case of partition within a period of one hundred and eighty days from the date of application for partition or from the date of sanctioning of the mutation of inheritance:

(2) If the Revenue Officer, for reasons beyond his control, is unable to decide the case of partition within the time stipulated in subsection (1), he shall submit the case, with reasons, to the District Collector, fifteen days prior the expiry of that period, for extension of the period.

(3) The District Collector may, in an exceptional case and for reasons to be recorded, grant one time extension of time for decision of a partition case for a period not exceeding sixty days subject to such conditions as he deems appropriate to impose for expeditious disposal of the case.

(4) In case the Revenue Officer is required to decide the question of title in the partition proceedings under subsection (5) of section 141, an additional period of one hundred and eighty days shall be deemed to have been added to the period mentioned in subsection (1).

(5) If the Revenue Officer fails to decide a partition case within the period specified in this section or contravenes any condition imposed by the District Collector, he shall be liable to disciplinary action in accordance with law.”

9. Time Limit for Pending Cases.–

(1) The Revenue Officer shall decide the case of partition of holding pending adjudication with him at the time of commencement of this Act within one hundred and eighty days reckoned from the date of commencement of the Act.

(2) All other provisions of section 142-A of the Land Revenue Act 1967 (XVII of 1967) shall, as far as possible, apply to the pending cases of partition mentioned in subsection (1).